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1. COMMANDING OFFICER, USMILGP, WILL MOVE TO TEMPORARY OFFICES IN CHANCERY ON APRIL 23. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY OFFICES FOR AIR FORCE AND NAVY SECTION CHIEFS, TRAINING OFFICER AND ADJUTANT WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY ABOUT MAY 15. AS OF THAT DATE, RESIDUAL FACILITIES AT FORMER MILGP SITE ON MILITARY ACADEMY GROUNDS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR SHOPS AND STORAGE, TESTING, AS AS A POINT OF CONTACT OFFICE FOR GUARDIA NACIONAL (GN) CLIENTS. U.S. MISSION DIRECTORIES AND LOCATORS WILL BE REVISED ACCORDINGLY.

2. IN LINE WITH AMBASSADOR'S ORAL UNDERSTANDINGS AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND CINC, SOUTHERN COMMAND, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO HOLD MILGP STAFFING TO ONLY FOUR US MILITARY PERSONNEL, WITHOUT CHANGING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED LEVEL WHICH STANDS AT SIX MILITARY. THE CO, USMILGP, WILL COMMUNICATE THROUGH HIS CHANNELS THE SPECIFIC PERSONNEL ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECISION. AT THE SAMETIME, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON LABELING OF THE ELEMENTS TO BE LOCATED IN THE CHANCERY. WE SEE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES IN ADOPTING THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION (ODC) DESIGNATION.
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NATOR AS THIS MOVE TAKES PLACE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE OUR TIES, BUT WE ARE NOT CLEAR IF THE VARIOUS BILATERALS WITH NICARAGUA WOULD BE AFFECTED BY SUCH A CHANGE. PLEASE ADVISE US SOONEST ON THIS POINT. (WE ARE STILL ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE REPLY TO MANAGUA 1218 REQUESTING LEGAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED MOVES.)

3. THE MODIFICATION OF USG-OWNED WAREHOUSE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE

GENERAL SERVICES OPERATIONS IS UNDER WAY, WITH THE COST ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$9,000. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED NOW ARE INTERIM STEPS. WE PROPOSE TO MAKE MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR US MILGP OFFICES IN CHANCERY IN CONNECTION WITH OCCUPANCY OF THE CONSULAR ANNEX BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED. IT WOULD HELP TO HAVE FINAL APPROVAL OF THAT PROJECT, WHICH IS PENDING IN FBO NOW, EXPEDITED.
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